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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Senior Interdepartmental Counter-Insurgency School

By National Security Memorandum No. 131, March 13, 1962, you directed the establishment of a school at the national level to offer instruction on the entire range of problems posed by the United States in dealing with developing countries, to include special area counter-insurgency problems. This school is to be primarily for the instruction of middle and senior grade officers, both military and civilian, who are about to occupy important posts in underdeveloped countries.

To meet this requirement, the Special Group (Counter-Insurgency) has considered several proposals made by the Department of State and the Department of Defense. It has concluded that the quickest and most effective way to get this instruction under way is to accept the State Department suggestion of a new instruction center (the name of "Center for International Studies" has been suggested) giving a series of 3-week courses starting June 11 which, although operating within the general statutory authority of the Foreign Service Institute, will be guided by an interdepartmental steering group. It is expected that the first two weeks of the course, which will bear the public title of "Current Problems of Developing Areas", will be directed at the

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political, economic and cultural problems inherent in evolving societies; the third week will focus on internal defense and counter-insurgency; and the final two weeks will be directed at case studies based on the needs of the geographical areas to which the students are being assigned.

The Department of Defense has suggested that this instruction program offer an additional course for officers designated to instruct in counter-insurgency courses at lower levels in the Government. This and certain other related suggestions will be incorporated by State in the instruction program of the center as rapidly as funds can be obtained from the Congress. ←

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The Secretary of State is making recommendations to you for a more complete reorganization of the Foreign Service Institute to make this new program more fully effective and comprehensive to fulfill the requirements set forth in paragraph 1 d of NSAM 131.

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